



House of Representatives

HOUSE PUBLIC UTILITIES & TELECOMMUNICATIONS RULES 2005 – 2006

1. The quorum for the Georgia House Public Utilities and Telecommunications Committee shall be seven (7) members.
2. A bill, a resolution, or other matter will be considered only after presentation by its principal author or a legislator whom he or she designates to do so, 1a the event that more than one member of the General Assembly has signed a meil.5ure, the principal author shall be presumed to be the one whose name appears first on the list of authors.
3. The Committee shall convene recess or suspend, and adjourn upon the order of the Chairman.
4. The Chainman shall establish the meeting agenda and determine the measures to be considered and the order of consideration. No motion that the committee recommends that the measure DO PASS or DO NOT PASS shall kin order until the chairman has stated that such a motion will be entertained
5. When a bill is assigned to the Full Committee, it may be assigned by the Chair to the appropriate Subcommittee for consideration; the full committee may make a recommendation to the House after receiving a recommendation from the SUBC01llmittee. The Chair may refer any matter to a Subcommittee; but no measure will be returned to the Full House except after consideration by the Full Committee.
6. It shall be at the chair's discretion, to assign a bill to Subcommittee without presenting the bill to the Full C01nmittee.
7. The Chair shall be a member of all subcommittees.
8. Any member at members of the Committee who disagree with the majority report of the Committee shall be privileged to file a minority report if desired.
9. The Committee will not consider for the first time any measure originating in the House the final week of the session, except upon waiver by the Chairman
10. The rules of the House will prevail in all matters nm covered by Committee rules.

11. Measures which affect the revenue of the State must include a proper estimate in writing of the dollar amount which the measure, if enacted, would increase or decrease the income of the State..
12. Unless waived by the Chairman all committee substitutes and amendments that are being offered for a full committee meeting shall be submitted to the Review Subcommittee, which shall consist of the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, and Secretary, twenty-four hours prior to a regularly scheduled full committee meeting. Upon review of the substitute(s) and or amendment(s), the Review Subcommittee shall designate any of the following special rules in relation to the bills or resolutions to be amended:
 - (A). Open Rule: Germane amendments may be offered in accordance with the provision of these Committee Rules.
 - (B). Modified Structure Rule: Germane amendments designated by the Public Utilities and Telecommunications Committee may be offered. This rule may preclude amendments to a particular opinion of the bill or resolution, although other parts of the bill may be open to amendment.
 - (C). Structured Rule: No amendments may be offered.
13. The Chairman shall determine the germaneness of any proposed amendment and! Or substitute. Same title or same code section shall not be presumed to be the sole precipitating determinate of germaneness.
14. The provisions of rule 16 hereof shall not apply with respect to a minor or technical amendment which corrects items such as grammar, spelling, numbering, cross-references, effective dates, or otherwise corrects manifest typographical or other similar errors. The determination of whether an amendment is a minor or technical amendment shall be according to the judgment of the Chair.
15. The Chairman, at his discretion, reserves the right to appoint a special subcommittee of the Full Committee to study or hold meetings on legislation assigned to the Public Utilities and Telecommunications.
16. During committee meetings, committee members and those in the audience shall turn off or place in silent mode all cell phones, pagers and other similar devices.